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comprises all information pertaining to each time the meta-document is processed by an application program being executed by the data processing system during the entire life of the meta-document; and wherein the metadata comprises all associated metadata pertaining to each time the meta-document is processed by an application program being executed by the data processing system during the entire life of the meta-document;

a processor for executing an application program for processing the meta-document; and a plurality of sources, each source located at a different location,

wherein the meta-document comprises an object conveying document information, processing information, wherein the processing information comprises information pertaining to processing of the meta-document, and metadata for indexing and retrieving the processing information, wherein each time the meta-document is processed during its entire lifetime, processing information pertaining thereto and associated metadata is stored on the meta-document; and

wherein each time the meta-document is received by a source, processing information and its associated metadata is parsed and extracted from the meta-document at the source; and

processing information pertaining to transmitting the meta-document to the source and parsing at the source and associated metadata stored on the meta-document.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein processing information comprises information pertaining to transformation of the document information.

13. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the processing information comprises a user comment to the document information.

14. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the processing information comprises information pertaining to distribution of the meta-document.

15. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the meta-document further comprises a tool, embedded on the object, responsive to a processing of the meta-document, for

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generating and storing processing information and associated metadata on the meta-document.

16. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein a source further comprises a tool, responsive to a processing of the meta-document, for generating and storing processing information and associated metadata on the meta-document.